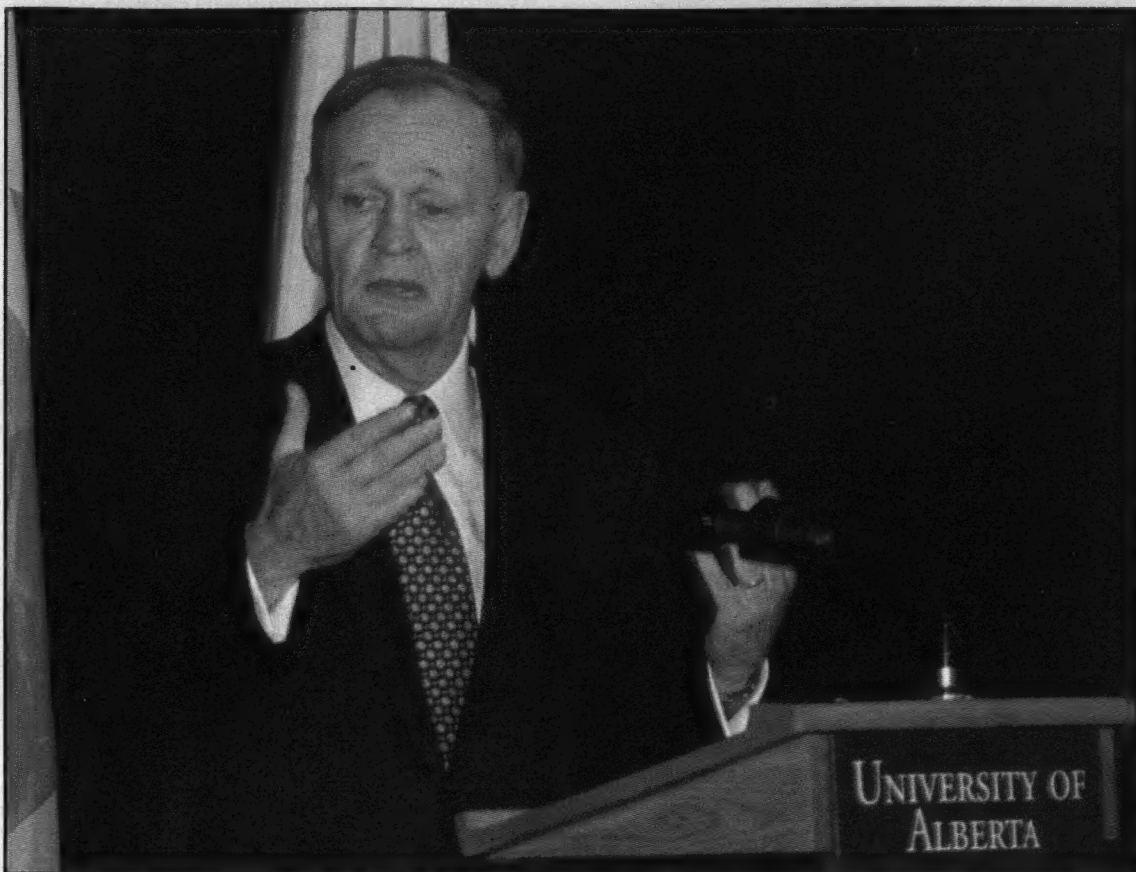


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Despite running late, Prime Minister Chrétien still had time to make an address at the University last Friday.

Chrétien praises campus research

Jon Dunbar
NEWS EDITOR

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien appeared on campus last Friday to address administration on the importance of scientific research. The visit was initiated in response to breakthrough diabetes research done by U of A researchers.

The Prime Minister arrived in Convocation Hall at 2:45pm, despite two separate groups of protesters outside.

"Sometimes it takes a long, long time to have results, but you have to have faith," Chrétien commented.

Chrétien praised the University for collaborating with the private sector and the provincial and federal governments, with such programs as the Millennium

Scholarship and scientific research. These initiatives, said Chrétien, "will lead to a situation where we can be the best. We have to challenge ourselves to be the best, and it is possible."

Chrétien said that he had some history in common with the U of A and Edmonton.

The University gave an honorary degree to him in 1987.

Chrétien intended to meet with the diabetes researchers in person, but because he was running late, he only had time for handshakes.

Dr James Shapiro, one of the researchers on the Islet Cell transplant program, expressed disappointment at not having had more of a chance to speak to the Prime Minister about the research.

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Quote for the day:

Competition brings out the best in products and the worst in people.

— David Sarnoff

This day in the Gateway's history:

Members of Canadian University Press from the Western provinces condemned the U of A Students' Union for violating the Gateway's journalistic freedom by demanding that the SU be given a half-page advertisement in every issue. CUP threatened to form a commission to pass judgement on the dispute if the SU did not rescind the demand.

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HCA faces wrongful-dismissal suit

Christie Tucker
NEWS EDITOR

An elected member of the HUB Community Association (HCA) has been dismissed, and he is taking the University to court as a result.

Matthew Lowry, former Vice-President (Communications) for the association, was voted out of office on Sunday, 1 October. HCA President Ian Major appealed to the members of the Hub Leadership Team (HLT) to dismiss Lowry due to an inability to perform his duties.

"I pointed out that I had not, in my opinion, been derelict in my duties, and I would not," said Lowry. But the HLT voted to dismiss him.

Lowry is so displeased with the decision that he is taking the HCA to small claims court, seeking damages of \$7500.

The complaint is partially based on the fact that of approximately 20 members of the HCA, only seven are elected. "I thought it highly questionable that a non-elected group could remove an elected person. It's in accordance with the HCA's by-laws, but not with the [civil] law," he said.

According to Lowry, his dismissal is due to personality conflict on an unrelated matter—the production of a weekly newsletter that Lowry thought should be produced every two weeks. In a letter to the other members of the HCA, Major claims that Lowry has been unable and unwilling to perform his duties, even though "several of these duties were not expected initially."

It is Lowry's belief that the letter biased several of the members who voted to remove him.

He further claimed that after the

vote was taken to make the newsletter weekly, instead of bi-weekly, he took action to try to fit the job into his schedule more effectively, but that his efforts were futile as far as Major was concerned. "It's clearly just a technical argument to dismiss me. Ultimately, when I was pushing for a bi-weekly format, I stepped on some toes," he said.

Major was unable to comment on the case but offered the explanation that "from our end, we did everything in accordance with our bylaws."

Lowry, a second-year Law student, will be representing himself in court, and will be calling two witnesses to support his case. "I think that although my arguments weren't very successful in swaying the HLT, an impartial judge would be more apt to see the reasoning behind my actions."

Leave given to top exec

Jon Dunbar
NEWS EDITOR

Last Friday, Vice-President (Finance and Administration) Glenn Harris requested a leave of absence from his current position.

"We weren't given any details as to why Mr Harris requested the leave of absence on Friday," said Barbara Surdykowski, Business Manager of the Non-Academic Staff Association. "It's particularly telling that there is no end date to the leave of absence."

Last year, there were several problems with departments under Harris' jurisdiction, including the Development Office which prompted an RCMP investigation.

"There were a variety of reasons that others left last year. Some of those reasons are currently still under investigation by the university and by other agencies outside the university," said Surdykowski. "I don't know what the answer is in this case, with such a senior official."

A committee has been formed to review the portfolio of VP (Finance and Administration). The findings of the committee will be announced in the near future.

Doug Owsram, currently the University's VP (Academic) and Provost, has been appointed interim Acting VP (Finance and Administration). He was unwilling to comment on why Harris took the leave, or if he will come back. "I'm filling in on a purely interim position," said Owsram. "For a few days only."



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Gorillas in the Mist? No, it's the Misfits! Dave Alexander recounts the harrowing experience on page 13.

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PM made no promises to researchers during visit

"PM" FROM PAGE 1

"We had some nice presentations and videos to show him about the Islet cell transplant," said Shapiro with disappointment.

The program currently has 13 patients, one of whom gave an address at the Prime Minister's address on Friday. Bob Teskuy, a lawyer, told the audience that he had been taking insulin injections for nearly 40 years before he received the experimental transplant, which allows him to live a normal life.

"I am living evidence of the importance of medical research," said Teskuy.

"We have a tremendous successful program now," said Shapiro. "The thing is now we have a huge problem, because there are people across the nation who want to receive the treatment. We need more money."

On Tuesday, Shapiro wrote a letter to Chrétien asking for some "urgent funding" for the transplant program.

Allan Rock visited the facility a few weeks ago. According to Shapiro, Rock "certainly understands our problem, he's willing to help us. I want to make sure that promises turn into actions."

Chrétien also said a few words about former PM Pierre Trudeau.

At the time Trudeau died, Chrétien was in Guatemala. "The president of Guatemala was making a speech, and he was speaking about us, to all the leaders of the countries of Central America plus Santo Domingo, and he would say Canada is the country with the best human development in the world, but, even though it is a rich country, Canada is a country that is not selfish, that we want to share with others."

"If we want to remain like that, we have to be very competitive in the 21st century," said Chrétien, "and if we do what we have to do with the university and the scientific community, the future of Canada is great."

Tuesday's council meeting was called to order at 7:09pm, due to another meeting that was scheduled at the regular time.

The Gateway staff gave an update on several internal matters. Features Editor, Chul-Ahn Jeong, gave a report regarding his position, which is currently in a trial period.

Editor-in-Chief Dan Lazin outlined the recent switch in commercial printers from Gazette Press to CentralWeb ColorPress, which is cheaper and more flexible with deadlines. Lazin also mentioned that the Gateway will be celebrating its 90th anniversary this year in November, and plans are underway to reunite previous editors and contributors.

Other business

- VP (Academic) Chris Samuel

Student coalition fights tuition increases with postcard campaign

Jon Dunbar
NEWS EDITOR

Student groups across the province are launching a massive postcard campaign to send the provincial government the message to "cap tuition increases at two percent."

The campaign features a two postcard series, one directed at Learning Minister Lyle Oberg, and the other at Premier Ralph Klein. The cards showcase parody ads for the Gap and Absolut Vodka.

Eighty thousand of the postcards will be distributed to universities across the province. Twenty thousand are already in Zot racks,

which can be found in many coffee shops in both Edmonton and Calgary.

The cards will be distributed to Students' Union councillors, U of A senators, the faculty association, student services, and high-school students.

SU VP (External) Naomi Agard said the U of A's target is to have "15 000 postcards signed, sealed and delivered to both Premier Klein and Minister Oberg."

Postcards are available at the Students' Union office, the GSA offices, and an SU information booth that will be present this week and next week in both SUB and the Tory Atrium.

Agard urges students to return these cards to any of these outlets by Monday, 23 October.

"It is important that we get the postcards back," she said, "both to save students money on postage and to collect a significant amount to bring over to the Legislature."

Last year, students at the University of Calgary ran a similar campaign, but tuition was nevertheless raised.

This year, the campaign is being run by the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS), ACTISEC, and the Alberta Graduate Council (AGC), which represents over 107 000 post-secondary students.

Stalker armed with six-inch butcher knife apprehended by Campus Security

Barrie Tanner
SPORTS EDITOR

On 2 October, a female student entered the Campus Security office on 87 Avenue and 114 Street, complaining she was being followed and harassed.

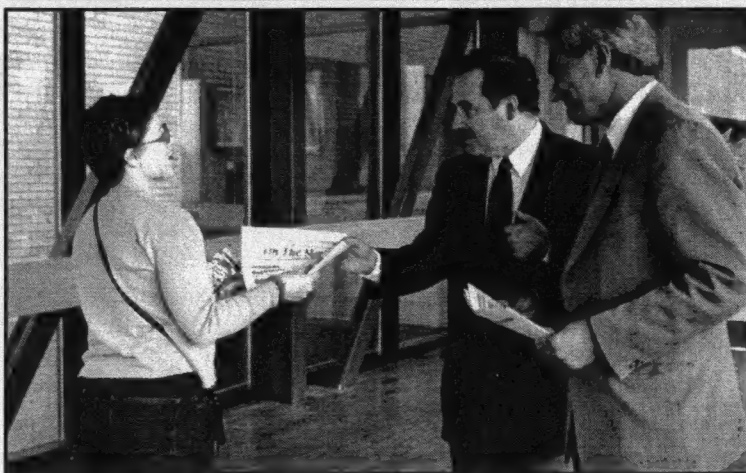
Constables immediately left their stations and searched the surrounding area for a sign of the suspect.

Some officers left from the back entrance of the building and found a man matching the description of

the suspect near the Administration building. When they searched him, they found five knives, including a six-inch butcher knife. Four of the five knives discovered were in the extended position.

The harassment had been a recurring event since March, when the victim noticed the man following her to her classes and waiting for her outside the bathroom.

The man has been charged with possession of a concealed weapon and criminal harassment. The case is still under investigation.



Interim provincial NDP leader Raj Pannu and former city councillor Brian Mason appeared on campus Wednesday to talk to students.

BoG praises outstanding achievements

Jasmine Pui
NEWS STAFF

Three members of the University of Alberta were honored with the Board of Governors' Award of Distinction at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday.

Ronna Jevne, professor of Educational Psychology, was recognized for her efforts in developing the HOPE foundation.

Constable Rob Rubuliak was recognized for his efforts throughout the province to promote safety on and off campus.

A professor in the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation, Robert Steadward has helped disabled citizens improve their health by developing the Rick Hansen Centre. Steadward is the President of the International Paralympic Committee, and was instrumental in helping Edmonton to win the bid for the 2001 IAAF World Championships.

U of A President Rod Fraser believes these award recipients are indications of the international influence of the U of A. "We serve all corners of the world in research, leadership and teaching," he said.

COUNCIL FORUM

Students' Council meets every second Tuesday in the Council Chambers in University Hall. Council meetings are open to all students.

reported on a meeting with the Bookstore director, Todd Anderson.

According to Anderson, only two programs, Accounting and Renewable Resources, experienced a delay in receiving their textbooks. He said that the most likely culprits were late textbook requests from professors and higher-than-anticipated enrollments. Leah Ganes (Rehabilitative Medicine) added that Grant MacEwan students are also buying textbooks at the U of A Bookstore, due to cheaper prices than the MacEwan bookstore.

• VP (Finance and Administration) Glenn Harris has taken leave of his position as of Friday, 6 October. His portfolio will be temporarily absorbed by VP (Academic) and Provost Doug Ogram.

• Regarding the recent conflict over

Coke prices, VP (Operations and Finance) Greg Harlow announced that only prices for orange juice and Fruitopia rose. Prices in Van Vliet were always high, due to a previous agreement between the University and Aramark. Harlow pointed out that the Students' Union never had an agreement with Aramark, and prices have now lowered to \$1.50.

• VP (External) Naomi Agard reported that the efforts of herself and Blair Miller to retain the post-secondary student seat on the Edmonton Transit System Advisory Board have been successful. The bylaw now contains a section that specifies that a nomination from the Edmonton Student Alliance will be sought on a yearly basis and that this nomination must be considered when choosing the post-secondary representative.

• The SU has held two "gripe tables," one on Wednesday last week, and one on Tuesday of the previous week. The next table will be held on Tuesday, 17 October, in CAB.

• SU VP (Academic) Chris Samuel reported that the University's VP (Academic) and VP (External) have displaced the Research Grants Office from University Hall and into Assiniboia Hall. The Association of Academic Staff, which intended to move into Assiniboia Hall, will now move into Campus Towers.

• Church urged councillors to arrive on time at 6:00pm, so a more accurate attendance list can be formed.

Absent without proxy

We will no longer publish names of absent councillors, pending continued acceptable attendance.

Compiled by Jon Dunbar

Protestors demand stop to Mid-East violence

Christie Tucker
NEWS STAFF

Edmonton students and members of the Palestinian community joined others around the world in an international day of protest against violence in the Mid-East on Friday.

Around 100 students from various human rights and Islamic groups gathered to voice their concern over the killings that have taken place in Israel's West Bank, Gaza, and Jerusalem in the past week. Ninety-two people have been killed since the conflict flared up—the vast majority of them Palestinians or Arab Israelis.

Carrying signs that read, "Stop the slaughter of children" and "Stop the massacre of Palestinian citizens," the various groups chanted "Free Palestine" and "Free Jerusalem."

"So many people are watching this and not doing anything," said one protestor. "Canada has not taken a very strong position on it. We don't have the courage to say this is wrong."

Organizers encouraged the crowd to attend a meeting on campus to challenge Prime Minister Jean Chrétien to internationally condemn the Israeli gov-



Dean Simmons / THE GATEWAY

Students from human rights and Islamic groups gathered outside the Old Arts Building, where Prime Minister Chrétien addressed the University.

ernment's actions.

"Tell him how much it hurts you to see people slaughtered," he said.

Tim Weis, a graduate student and spokesperson for the rally, said that they are asking the Canadian government to acknowledge the human rights-abuses committed

by the Israeli army and insist on an international inquiry, as well as sending aid to the citizens most affected by the violence.

"What Trudeau spoke of was a just society. I would ask him, in Pierre Trudeau's legacy, to take a stand for what is right and just and condemn the violence," said Weis.

French bursary will honour Trudeau

Shaun Flannigan
NEWS STAFF

In honour of memory of former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, the French Canadian Association of Alberta is creating a bursary, furthering the legacy of a prominent man in Canadian history.

The bursary will be called "The Canadian Foundation for Leadership in memory of Pierre Elliot Trudeau," and will be awarded to people and students of Canadian citizenship, who demonstrate leadership skills in areas

such as politics, community development, and economics.

The bursaries will go to candidates who have a similar "notion of Canada as was envisioned by Trudeau," explained Denis Magnan, President of the FCAA.

Also, in regards to eligibility, while the bursary may be geared towards younger people, it won't be restricted to just younger people, Magnan confirmed.

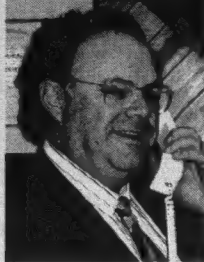
At the moment, the FCAA is not yet sure how many bursaries will be rewarded or what their value will be, as the bursary will

be financed by the contributions of individuals, organizations, and businesses. According to Magnan, a campaign will be started within the next month to collect funds for the bursary.

He added that the FCAA will contribute some money to the bursary as well, however "the amount is yet to be decided."

Magnan said that he hoped the bursary will be sufficient to allow the completion of courses which will develop the leadership skills of those individuals who are awarded the bursaries.

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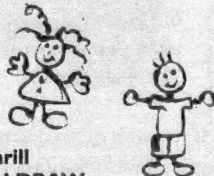
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Protesters call for consultation on free trade while Chrétien wines supporters at fundraiser

Aiden Enns and John Kennedy
THE ULYSSEY AND THE PEAK

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Protesters set a Canadian flag ablaze as they stood outside a Vancouver hotel where Prime Minister Jean Chrétien was entertaining dinner guests at a fundraising event.

Around 150 people, among them students, women's groups and native youth, gathered outside the four-star Westin Bayshore Hotel on 5 October. The hotel hosted the \$400-a-plate dinner that raised roughly \$500 000 for the Liberal Party.

Unlike a similar protest, dubbed "the Riot at the Hyatt," held outside of a Liberal party fund-raiser at the Hyatt Hotel in 1998, the Westin demonstration took place without physical violence.

Garth Mullins, an organizer for the Jean Chrétien Welcoming Committee, a coalition of groups associated with the protest, stood on the street 50 metres from the hotel.

"We're here to build links. We're here to build a movement. A globalization of resistance," Mullins yelled into the glare of television cameras and chorus of tape recorders.

Mullins, a University of British Columbia doctoral student in sociology, expressed concerns that the government may be placing the interests of corporations before citizens through Canada's involvement in free trade.

Mullins said the coalition would like Canada to halt further involvement in free trade until it consults with Canadians about the issue. He called for the cancellation of the Summit of the Americas in Quebec City next April. At the top of the summit's agenda is increasing trade liberalization through the Free Trade Area of the Americas.

The biggest scuffle involved unhappy demonstrators who were trying to listen to protest speeches but were crowded out by members of the media.

Vancouver Police Department spokesperson Anne Drennan said the police prepared for the protest with a "full-operational plan."

She declined to provide information on the number of police officers at the event, but did add that "it's pretty fair to say that there are more police and media here than protesters."

Among the additional concerns voiced by protesters involved abortion rights, the treatment of Native peoples, and the detainment of Chinese refugees in Canada.

"There are a million reasons to hate Chrétien," says Erin Kaiser of the University of British Columbia's Students for Choice.

"Sometimes all the different groups that are working so hard on the various issues in Vancouver come together and recognize, 'Hey, we're fighting the same bad guy.'"

Simon Fraser University student protester Jesse Gray said she is angered by many of the Liberal government's policies.

"I'm here to protest ... pretty much anything the Liberals stand for. They said that were going to abolish NAFTA, then they ratified it. They've withdrawn all their promises—not that I believed a word they had to say at the beginning."

Alissa Westergard-Thorpe, a member of Democracy Street, blames the protest's poor turnout on the level of secrecy surrounding the Prime Minister's activities.

However, Adam Johnson, a field worker for the Liberal party of Canada, claims there is no secrecy surrounding the prime ministerial dinner. He says the event is an annual one that takes place at approximately the same time every year.

"The crowds are getting smaller every year, and I would argue that the government is doing a good job and therefore it's harder to motivate people, [and] not because they don't have time. ... I think that people are happy with the federal government."

CAMPUS CRIME BEAT

Through rain or shine or police pursuit

On 2 October, a student auxiliary constable came across two people breaking into the mailroom at Newton Place. The two culprits fled the area and jumped into a waiting truck. The constable, who was on foot, called for backup immediately. A patrol vehicle gave chase, attempting to block the truck on the west side of Newton. The truck avoided the patrol car, bumped a curb and sped downtown with Campus Security in pursuit.

The truck reached the Eaton Centre parkade, where the suspects fled on foot. Edmonton Police arrived on the scene and found the suspect's truck bed full of stolen mail from previous thefts. Canada Post and the Edmonton Police are continuing the investigation.

U-lock or U-lose

Seven bikes have been stolen from various locations on campus over the last week.

"It's getting cold out, but thefts are abnormally high," reported Rob Rubuliak of Campus Security. Rubuliak suggested a strong u-lock to deter bike thefts.

Environmentally unfriendly

At 1:30pm on 2 October, an employee of Parking Services reported a male near the Van Vliet building moaning and yelling at trees. The heated debate was over by the time the authorities arrived and the man has not been seen since. The trees were not charged.

A breath of fresh air

On 3 October, a severely intoxicated male was spotted by constables near the LRT station. The man had a lengthy criminal record of break and enters, assault, violence, and weapons. A bottle of Septine mouthwash was in his possession. At 8:00am on 5 October, another intoxicated man was arrested with a bottle of Aqua Velva in his possession.

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Drunk driver makes getaway on foot

At 3:00am on October 6, Campus Security spotted an impaired driver near 112 Street. He had blown a tire, then parked the car and staggered down the street. He was chased down and charged with impaired driving after he blew 0.186.

Drunk near engineering

At 3:15am on 7 October, constables pulled over a vehicle on 146 Street near an engineering building for failure to stop at a stop sign. He was also found to be impaired.

Suspect screams at ghost car

On 7 October, Campus Security was called to a campus bar after a male patron was seen causing a disturbance. After he had been kicked out of the bar, he noticed a car, walked up to it and started screaming and swearing at the occupant. The occupant was a Campus Security officer in a ghost car.

The man was apprehended after it was established that there was a warrant for his arrest. He was also on probation for causing a disturbance, with the condition to keep the peace and be of good behaviour.

Youth menace

At 6:00am on 8 October, constables stopped seven youths in HUB. None were HUB residents, one had a record for theft and another for violence. One of the others was arrested on the spot for an outstanding warrant. They were all aged 15 to 20.

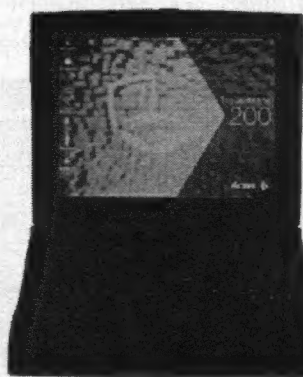
Walk, don't run

An officer was driving down a back alley on campus when he spotted three males running. Suspicious, he stopped them. A passer-by recognized the corralled suspects from a robbery that had occurred minutes before. The three had been involved in the robbery of two male victims near the Mac's store. All three were arrested.

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STOP THE HIKES! CAP IT AT 2%!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Alberta university students pay the third highest tuition in Canada
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- Alberta tuition has risen over 208% since 1990 - the most rapid rate of increase in the nation
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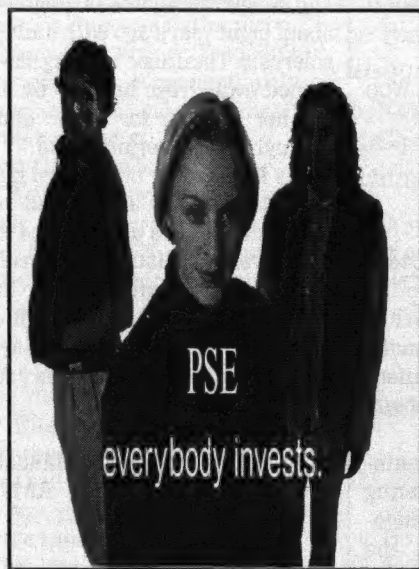
SEND KLEIN A MESSAGE

This year, the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) is working with two other provincial lobby groups (AGC and ACTISEC) to call for much needed tuition relief.

This week, post-secondary students on campuses all over Alberta are calling for the provincial government to **CAP TUITION INCREASES AT 2%**. Tying tuition increases roughly to inflation balances student needs for affordability with a quality, well-funded education. We are distributing and collecting over 100,000 postcards with this message from students, professors, parents and the public. With over 100,000 signatures and voices calling for tuition relief, we will be sending these postcards to both Premier Klein and Minister Oberg to drive our message home.

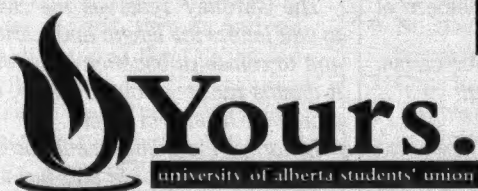
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Postcards are ready to be signed! You can pick them up and drop them off (we will send them for you!) at: SU Info Booths, 2-900 SUB, or your Students' Council representative. Also look for tables throughout the week in SUB, CAB and Tory Atrium. Tell your friends, tell your family...the more postcards we send, the stronger the message!



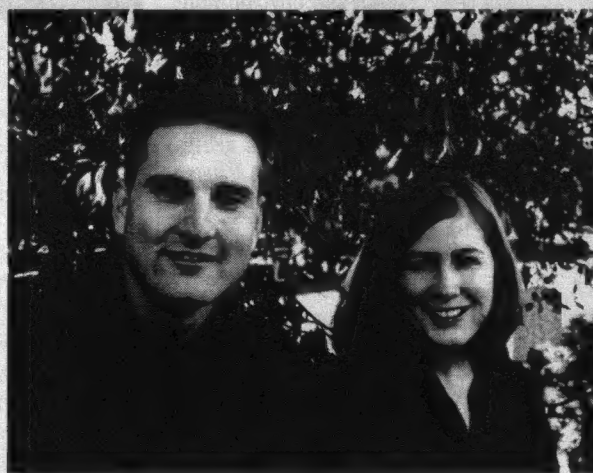
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- Lobbying to reform the student loan program (increased living allowances, automatic loan remission)
- Tuition consultation with the university and the provincial government
- Planning for upcoming federal election
- Seeking student input regarding Edmonton Transit and improvements students would like to see made.



BLAIR MILLER, Community Relations Coordinator

My primary responsibilities fall with organizing community outreach programs for the Students' Union. Some of the ways I accomplish this are: hosting a High School Leadership Conference for Edmonton-area schools, Chairing the Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee which grants money to many charities, and assisting Naomi with many of her External-portfolio projects.

Blair Miller

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NAOMI AGARD, Ms. External

Originally from St. Albert, I grew up in a small town just north of Edmonton. Now in my 3rd year of Political Science, I would like to eventually work overseas - hopefully in Asia. Before university, I spent a year travelling and studying throughout India and Nepal.

Naomi Agard

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TO BUS OR NOT TO BUS?

Edmonton Transit is offering a universal bus pass for students at the UofA - that is, each student would pay about \$100.00 each year for access to an 8 month bus pass.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- ☐ YES, I would support a universal bus pass.
- ☐ NO, I would not support a universal bus pass.

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EDITORIAL

WTO membership won't change China's ways

Despite the opposition of American labor unions and human rights activists, the US has decided to grant Permanent Normal Trading status with China. Many people believe that by dropping sanctions and involving China in trade—especially if they become members of the World Trade Organization—they can be held more accountable for their human rights record.

Of course, to expect the WTO to enforce anything other than the privatization of all third world institutions is wishful thinking at best. The whole point of demonstrations against the WTO and the like-minded World Bank was to point out that they tend to rule in favor of transnational corporations at the expense of national economies, workers and the environment.

Clearly, with globalization there are going to be winners and losers. Third World countries simply can't compete with magnitude and productivity of First World countries like the United States. Under the guise of "job creation," free trade in third world countries creates economic dependence on larger industrial nations. With NAFTA, American corporations benefitted

from the cheap labor. In fact, many manufacturing plants were relocated to Mexico. But has NAFTA helped Mexico's economy, which has since experienced financial crisis and plummeting employment?

While the mainstream media has managed to distort the protests as a disorganized group of purple-haired anarchists marching out of some vague fear of globalization, legitimate concerns about the WTO's accountability have not been answered. It's hardly cynical to think that an organization that fronts huge corporate interests is not going to have environmental and labor concerns at the top of their list.

The demands are simple. Prevent the WTO from repealing laws that protect the environment and labor. As well, the WTO decision-making process must be more transparent and open to the scrutiny of the general public.

If human rights concerns are to be taken seriously, China has to answer to a higher authority than the economic interests of the WTO.

Mike Winters

MANAGING EDITOR



McSorley's legacy.

LETTERS

SU Executive speaks out against editorial

Gateway editorial autonomy is essential. Not only is it paramount in providing uncensored and unbiased media coverage, it is an ideology held in high regard by the Students' Union and its Executive.

In Dan Lazin's 5 October editorial, "SU policy on supplements reeks like Klein," he argues that the WOW supplement hinders the *Gateway's* ability to meet their mandate. He further claims that by placing the supplement in the middle of the *Gateway*, the Students' Union values advertising over editorial content. Lazin feels the SU has sacrificed a service in order to save money and promote "SU propaganda."

The SU did not change any pre-existing rules governing supplements. The supplement was purchased at a pre-set price, and that price included its location in the paper. The *Gateway* lost two pages of color, not two pages of print; students gained a valuable supplement that thanked the many sponsors and student volunteers for their help in creating an amazing event that thousands of students participated in and enjoyed.

Moreover, it recognized U of A students for their support and school spirit. The supplement did not make the *Gateway* less attractive or less readable. The *Gateway* undeniably fills an integral and invaluable role on this campus.

The publication is intended to inform and engage students, along with encouraging accountability.

Everyone is entitled to his or her opinion, however, there is a time and a place. For the Editor-in-Chief to dedicate one quarter page of the paper to a self-indulgent editorial

that improperly pits the Students' Union against the *Gateway* reflects a lack of judgement. This campus is not lacking in important issues that could and should be covered. The WOW supplement is a courtesy to the many people that helped make WOW a success.

It is churlish and egotistical for Lazin to imply that it reflects corporate oppression. It is not of any less value because it was put together by the Students' Union and not the *Gateway* staff.

Editorial autonomy wields much power, and with that comes responsibility, responsibility that was sadly forgotten when an editorial turned into a soapbox for Lazin's personal agenda.

STUDENTS' UNION EXECUTIVE

Transformers 'facts' are all wrong, bub

Chris Boutet, you were never a fan of the Transformers. Oh sure, you know the names of the leaders of both factions and seem to remember a few of the other Transformers. This does not make you a fan, Chris. It's true that near the end of the line some of the toys became "obscure" yet you include Soundwave (the boom-box you make reference to) who was one of the first Transformers made. You really have no idea what you are talking about.

I was pumped to see a picture in the *Gateway* of Megatron blasting Optimus Prime while keeping Bumblebee out of the fight. To have my hopes dashed by reading that crap that you call journalism was insulting to Transformer fans everywhere (and we are everywhere!).

Although I feel obligated to completely rip your remarks to shreds, I will try to keep them brief. Soundwave is one of the coolest Transformers. He is usually ranked in the top five favorites of any fan. The toy of Ravage (the panther cassette, not jaguar) did not look exactly like a real life panther, but it's a toy. You didn't burn Optimus Prime, which is good, because people would probably kill you. And Megatron. You laugh because he turns into a gun. I see. The gun on Megatron's arm injures. Megatron in gun-mode kills. See the difference?

On the last point of your article, you make fun of the name of the evil faction, the Decepticons. It would take me far too long to explain all of this, but basically the Decepticons deceived their creator(s). However, I would like to point out that the good faction, the Autobots, has always baffled me. I believe it's because in the early series, the Autobots were all cars and trucks while the Decepticons were planes for the most part. I would have thought a name more along the lines of "keeping the faith", Primusbots or Matrixbots would have made more sense.

But what do I know, right Chris? I'm only a fan.

MICHAEL DOUCET
ENGINEERING III

Pro-lifers also guilty of emotional rhetoric

I find it hypocritical that in Conor Northup's letter ("Pro-Life tables don't peddle hate," 5 October) he can accuse the pro-choice side of using emotion and rhetoric, while at the same time he throws around words like "slaughtered" and "Holocaust." Pro-lifers, apparently, don't consider the dread and horror those words conjure to be

emotional.

Also, speaking of factless rhetoric, apparently the new definition of human life is that it be "growing ... with a specific genetic structure unique to *Homo sapiens*." In other words, don't throw away those toe-nail clippings, because surely enough, they contain human genes, and toe nails do grow, after all.

Conor, this is a University campus. Save your sanctimonious scare tactics for the trailer park. If science was so firmly on your side, every rational person I know would be a pro-lifer. As it is, the issue remains open to discussion, and for now, despite your moral outrage, it is (as it should be) in the hands of women to make their own, personal decisions on abortion. Life in a free country: like it or leave it.

CHRIS WOO

Isn't it ironic?

Am I the only one who sees the irony in some of these pro-life rants? First, Christie Tucker writes an opinion article which, among other things, criticizes pro-lifers for implying pro-choicers are murderers.

The pro-lifers in question maintain that they're simply stating their viewpoint, not passing judgement, and are offended at the suggestion that they're calling anybody anything. Then a horde of pro-lifers like Conor Northup and his clever little holocaust analogy come along and accuse Christie Tucker and other pro-choicers of being murderers!

You're only hurting your cause. Maybe that's a good thing.

TOM LONG
ARTS III

Victoria Williams review 'disturbing'

I was disturbed by Kate Rossiter's 3 October review of Victoria Williams' concert. It seems that what Kate cannot categorize with her *Teen Magazine* Top-Forty Cool Concert Checklist she merely brushes aside as "helter-skelter" and "lacking professionalism."

I suppose the *Teen Magazine* Top-Forty Cool Concert Checklist says there must be a "strict musical division between the two performances," but to say that Victoria snuck onto stage to "weakly tap a drum with her elbow?" For shame, Kate. For shame.

Victoria is a brilliant musician and songwriter who was diagnosed about eight years ago with multiple sclerosis. The music is being slowly ripped away from her day by day. Yet her passion for music shone throughout the performance.

Yes Kate, a few of us were more than "adequately impressed and entertained." It is unfortunate that some were so distracted by ridiculous preconceptions that they missed an evening of truly brilliant music and an inspiring display of passion for life that few of us could truly understand.

CHRIS MARUSIAK
ARTS IV

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End funding for Olympic athletes

We shouldn't panic and spend just to increase our medal count



Kris Meen

The Olympics are long over and the verdict is in: Canada sucked ass, dropping from 22 medals to 14.

Sports shows across the land have emphasized how low we've fallen, getting trounced by countries like Belarus and the Netherlands. To deepen the wounds, most of our medals came from new sports, rather than established favourites like swimming or running. Along with this has come, of course, the suggestion that perhaps we should throw some more money at sports programs in order to increase our medal tally at the next Olympics in Athens.

A recent CBC poll has suggested that most Canadians would be in support of increased funding.

Dear God, why? Why do we continue to care about the Olympics?

The supposed point of the Olympics is the celebration of excellence in human physical performance. What they've proven over the years, however, is that it's impossible to tell what is true

excellence. Is it real, or is it drug-induced? Or is it shark-skin full-body swimsuit induced? What if someone can't afford a shark-skin swimsuit? Is that fair? Why is packing in protein powders and energy bars fair, but not nandrolone? Who knows?

Excellence in human physical performance has been replaced by two things: nationalism and money.

If Gatorade told your average Olympic champion that if he handed over his gold medal—with both his grandmothers standing on it—for a sweet TV endorsement deal, he'd do it.

Nationalism is always bad (I can't get into an argument about this here, but here are a few things to think about: World War One, World War Two and Hacksaw Jim Dugan). At least, in the Olympics, nationalism used to be fun. We could watch the two superpowers battle it out, and rejoice if the USSR beat out the belligerent US.

But now there's no hope of the US ever being defeated. All we can do is sit and watch their medal tally grow, waiting for the inevitable victorious chest-thumping of the world's only remaining superpower.

And then there's money. Aside from the fact that the Olympics

are a giant ad for Nike, Adidas and Visa, let's face it: many if not most of these athletes are there to do whatever they can to get in on that big sneaker endorsement. If Gatorade told your average Olympic champion that if he handed over his gold medal—with both his grandmothers standing on it—for a sweet TV endorsement deal, he'd do it.

This is not to say that I'm against sport and recreation funding altogether; on the contrary, we need more money pumped into getting the average Canadian off their couches and out of their mini-vans. Our children are now the fattest children on Earth. We've proven that we need help escaping our national lethargy.

So please, let's have some money for some public recreation, starting with replacing those notorious Participation commercials, which currently serve only to associate physical activity with unpardonable lameness.

Let's subsidize hockey equipment, skate parks (but if any government spends another dime on golf courses, I'll have a hernia) or doubling up diving boards so we can all dive synchro now. Whatever.

But why spend any more money than we are already on a commercialized, nationalistic, drug-ridden farce like the Olympics? It just doesn't make sense.

Trudeau unfairly maligned by Westerners

His vision for Canada was bigger than Albertan self-importance

Andra Olson

The recent outpouring of grief over the death of Pierre Elliot Trudeau should not be brushed aside as media frenzy. Reaction to his death comes from a heartfelt respect for the man's attempts to better our country.

In this province, many speak of the National Energy Program and Trudeau's perceived drive to alienate the West. Joe Clark, among others, remembers Trudeau admitting that the West was not his strongest area of expertise. Trudeau's acknowledgment of unfamiliarity however, does not mean he didn't try to understand it.

Every Thursday for a number of years, Trudeau insisted on a lunch with his Agricultural Minister, a farmer from the West. Trudeau repeatedly asked him to "Tell me about the West." He was not only curious as to the land and its people, but also why his thinking was so misunderstood. The NEP policy was simply an attempt to further the vision of Canada as a country rather than a collection of autonomous provinces. Unfortunately, the unpopularity of the NEP will be his greatest Western legacy.

For many, Trudeau remains unpopular for his implementation of the War Measures Act during the FLQ crisis in the 1970s. Not only were grave threats and violence directed at the Quebec provincial cabinet, but the promised retaliation from Trudeau's federal cabinet was equally disturbing. At this point, children of federal ministers were being escorted to school by bodyguards.

When Pierre LaPorte, a minister from Quebec and schoolmate of Trudeau's was murdered, Trudeau, fearing further violence, took measures to ensure that this would be avoided.

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This was not the act of a tyrant out to exercise gross power. The man who fought to have basic

Canadian Rights and Freedoms entrenched was never comfortable with what the War Measures Act stood for. He admitted that invoking the Act was "grotesque" but his priority was to restore civil order. The measures were harsh, but there were no more attacks.

Above all, Trudeau left a legacy of strong leadership. His commitment to leading by principle rather than by popular trends should be a lesson to our modern leaders.

Trudeau was passionate about his country but maintained a respect for the position he was given. One of the man's favorite mottos was "reason over passion" and in all areas, he attempted to make this true.

Allowing cynicism to overshadow Trudeau's achievements is to undervalue one of Canada's most important prime ministers.

DAVE ALEXANDER'S TOP TEN

Things that suck about going on a road trip with Jesus

- 10 The aggravation of trying to cram a crucifix into the trunk is unparalleled.
- 9 He'll insist on stopping to pick up hitchhiking lepers.
- 8 Even though he could get you out of a speeding ticket, he won't.
- 7 Passing motorists point and laugh because his robes are hanging out of the car door half the time.
- 6 The horror of having to listen Amy Grant CDs the entire trip.
- 5 You'll feel guilty yelling, "Jesus Christ! Learn how to drive!" when someone cuts you off.
- 4 No matter how cold it is, he always wants the window down because the wind blowing through his hair makes him feel sexy.
- 3 Cops hassle him at checkpoints for his hippy-like appearance.
- 2 Twelve disciples in the back seat who've never heard of deodorant or gas money are anything but a good time.
- 1 Your friends will invariably pressure you into getting one of those stupid "God is my Co-pilot" bumper stickers.

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Penis envy is socially ingrained, so pardon me while I check out your unit



Dave Alexander

Perhaps the strangest microcosms of social interaction are men's public washrooms. Whatever we may regard as normal public behaviour between men is flushed down the toilet upon entering the tiled world of urinals and hairy asses.

There are the obvious hang-ups and anxieties surrounding issues of sexuality and vulnerability that accompany bared genitals, however it goes beyond this. The principal reason that guys in the can act like a tour group of Autobots at the Deception headquarters is what I would identify as the tension of unit comparison. When you're standing side by side at the urinals, it's like when two cars pull up to a red light. You have to check out what sort of machinery the other guy's running. No matter how secure you may think you are, competitive North American culture has socialized you to measure yourself against others. It's not sexual, rather it's just the desire to see how you stack up.

Unlike in the automotive world, to outright investigate others' machinery might grant you a pervert status as great as Michael Jackson on a Viagra binge. Instead, you test the limits of your peripheral vision until your temples throb. You just want to catch a glimpse so you can be sure that your neighbor's not cruising with a sleek new motorhome, while you're stuck with an

Austin Mini that pulls to the left and drips oil.

It's a non-sexual method that guys use to see how they rate, and in a world that operates on performance reports, test scores and rating systems, this becomes very important. The tension comes into play because we have to pretend we absolutely no interest in each other in the groin area, when really we're hung up on it (thanks, pun fairy). If you were to get caught looking, it would be pretty tough to lie your way out of the situation by claiming to be a urinal cake inspector or something.

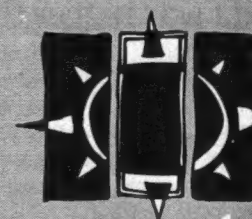
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Similarly, suspicions arise when a guy chooses to stand in a stall when there are perfectly good urinals open. Everyone else assumes that something's horribly wrong, like he's hiding a busted colostomy bag in his coat, his knob is shaped like a bent driving wedge, or he's got balls like a wilted eggplant. It may be that he's just come in from outside and has really cold, shrinkage-causing hands, but in any case, it's paranoid male hang-ups that cause this tension.

Perhaps one day men can set aside their childish competitive behaviour and have a more positive male body image. We could walk into the restroom without feeling the heavy atmosphere caused by the tension of unit comparison. Maybe we'll be able to stand back with relaxed pride as if cradling a diamond-encrusted garden hose and be free of nervous self-doubt. Maybe someday there won't be the need to overcompensate.

Of course, maybe it's just me wishing I had a Cadillac.

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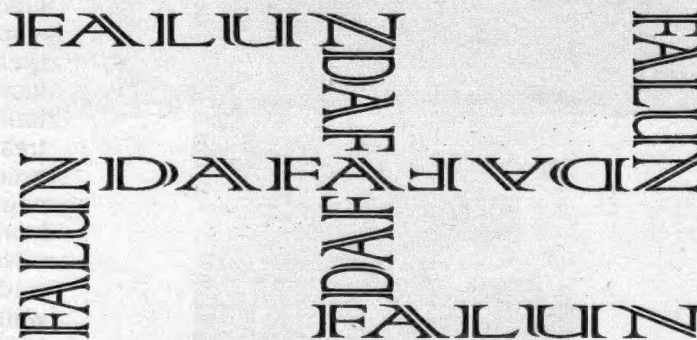


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University of Alberta's Falun Dafa club.

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The symbol of Falun Dafa is the Falun. The swastika shape in the center is the "wan" character, a symbol that has been used in many cultures for thousands of years to denote good fortune.

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Yang Wu
News Staff

Every Tuesday night, a dozen people gather in a room at the Students' Union Building and for three hours, they quietly practice Chinese meditation exercises. Then they leave.

These few people are part of one of the fastest growing spiritual phenomena of the last century, Falun Gong. Since its creation in 1992, the group has weathered repression by one of the most authoritarian regimes in history, and expanded its membership to an estimated 100 million in over 30 countries.

Falun Gong (Law of the Wheel Breathing Exercise), also known as Falun Dafa, originated with Li Hongzhi, a resident of the China's Jilin province.

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Through this process, a person attains spiritual enlightenment and physical health. Falun Gong beliefs also state that people should not blame others for their problems, even if they were treated unjustly. Instead, they should work on correcting their own faults through meditative exercises, studying, and treating others with kindness. By mistreating others, according to the Falun Gong, people only accumulate negative energy, which disrupts their mind and health.

The teachings, of Falun Gong, contain elements of traditional Chinese meditation exercises (qigong), as well as elements of the Buddhist and Daoist faith. Li has added to the mystical element of Falun Gong by claiming that Nostradamus foretold the coming of the group. However, Falun Gong members at the U of A claim that they are not a religion because they do not have a hierarchy or even a place of worship. Followers can practice by themselves or with a group.

According to Falun Gong members, the group existed peacefully in China and spread across the world before 1999. It grew to be one of the largest groups of any kind in China. Chinese government reports in 1999 claimed that the Falun Gong had 70 million followers, surpassing even the Communist Party's membership of 61 million. Its disciples have come from all walks of life, including Communist Party

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Falun Gong parade in Davis, California.

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officials and officers in China's People's Liberation Army.

However, the Chinese government began a sudden crackdown on the Falun Gong in the spring of that year. State-run media agencies allegedly launched a propaganda blitz against the group. Calling Falun Gong a religious cult, the government apparently accused the group of extorting money from its followers, forcing them to commit suicide, and disrupting social stability in China.

In the last two years, tens of thousands of Falun Gong members have reportedly been arrested,



Part of a candle vigil, held in San Francisco, 19 July 2000.

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imprisoned and tortured, with 56 killed. Many more have been fired from their jobs, with their children forever expelled by the education system. Repression was apparently so systematic that even family and friends of Falun Gong members were fired or expelled.

Falun Gong members at the U of A often speak of unspeakable brutalities committed by the Chinese government. According to Shar Chen, a member of the U of A group who arrived from China a year ago, a friend in the Falun Gong in China was tortured by the police until reduced to a vegetative state. The friend lived on life support for a time, but police allegedly

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secretly came to the hospital and disconnected the life-support system.

"It's really horrendous, and it hurts my heart. But I believe that when something good arises, there will always be opposition," said Tom Ozimek, a member of University's Falun Gong group and a former student.

According to Ozimek and other members, the Chinese government has little reason to repress the group. Falun Gong, in their opinion, has no political message. Neither does it seek to change societies or countries. Instead, it merely wishes to cultivate spiritual enlightenment and good health amongst individuals.

"I can't believe the government would want to stop us from doing that," asserted Chen.

Falun Gong members also dismiss Chinese allegations that the group is a cult. Ozimek explained that the group neither forces others to accept their beliefs nor condone violence, and it demands no financial contribution from its members.

Throughout Chinese history, many religious sects have been the source of great political disturbances. The sects generally rise to prominence during times of mass poverty and government corruption, organizing around a mysterious but charismatic leader. Preaching a philosophy of salvation from the evils of the world, these groups often attract large numbers of disillusioned people—becoming political as they increase in size.

As they became political, governments often persecuted these groups. But persecution caused the groups to rise up in rebellion, resulting in immeasurable damage, sometimes beginning the collapse of dynasties.

The most notable of these sects was the Taiping Tianguo, which preached a mixture of Christian and Confucian beliefs in the 1840s. Conceived by Hong Xiuquan, a man claiming to be the brother of Jesus Christ, the group launched a massive rebellion in 1850 after being persecuted. The rebellion lasted 14 years and resulted in 20 million deaths.

These historical examples are likely part of the reason behind the Chinese government's apparent persecution of Falun Gong. In a country where millions of workers are continually laid off from state-run industries, social welfare is slowly disintegrating and official corruption runs rampant; disillusion is reaching an incredible high. Falun Gong's belief in treating all with compassion has put the government in an awkward position.

In some ways, Falun Gong is similar to previous religious sects. Government propaganda has frequently attacked the mysterious nature of Falun Gong founder Li Hongzhi, claiming that he believes



Demonstration in Battery Park, New York, September 2000.



Li Hongzhi

himself to be Buddha, Christ and a number of other religious deities.

Li, to a degree, has been an elusive figure. Members at the U of A's Falun Gong know little about his past. Li's current whereabouts are also a mystery. Although he is generally thought to be living in exile in New York, recent media sources have claimed that Li is nowhere to be found.

However, Li is not portrayed as a religious figure. The U of A's Falun Gong group display no portraits or symbols referring to him, display no worship of him in their practices, and rarely speak of him when they describe the group's beliefs. They also defend that Li has never claimed divinity and has no earthly goals.

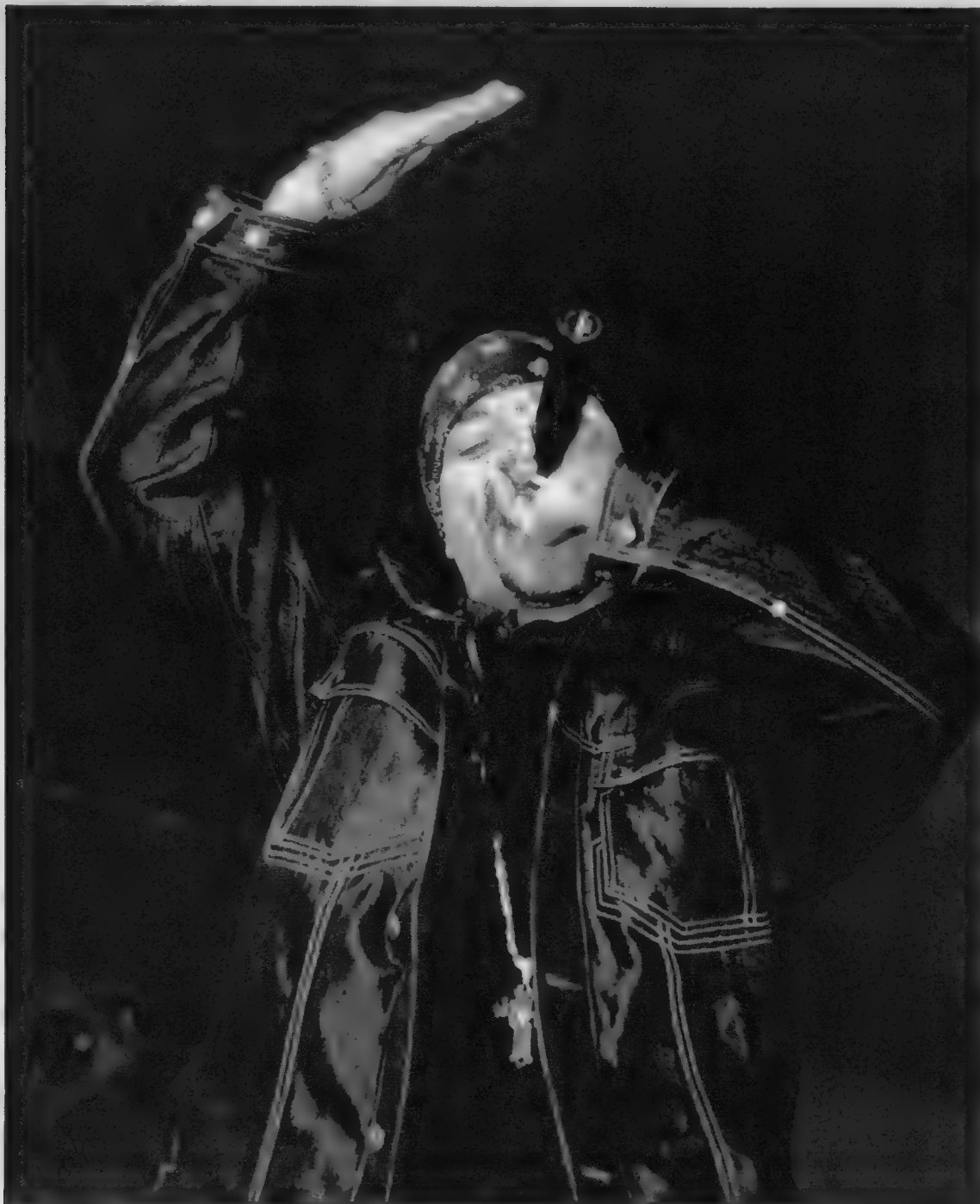
According to Ozimek, Li once told a reporter, "There are one hundred million members in Falun Gong. If I wanted to be rich, I would have asked each of them to give me just one dollar. But I have not done that."

Ozimek and others do not blame the Chinese government for its actions. They feel that only certain elements in the government are anti-Falun Gong, since many government officials are members. Instead, they are worried about those who are persecuting their group—those who are building up harmful negative energy in their bodies and minds.

Despite horrendous persecution, Falun Gong has demonstrated incredible resilience. Since 1999, peaceful demonstrations involving up to 30 000 people have transpired across China. Falun Gong members have demonstrated at many international conferences, such as the Millennium Conference in New York, and have been praised by local police forces for their peaceful behaviour.

According to documents presented by the U of A's Falun Gong, the group has received substantial support in Western nations. In August, 80 members of the US Congress signed a letter urging President Clinton to protest to the Chinese government's treatment of Falun Gong members. Several North American cities, such as Chicago and Houston, have also declared honorary holidays after the group. In Canada, Falun Gong has received letters of support from Governor General Adrienne Clarkson, Federal Justice Minister Anne McLellan and Alberta Premier Ralph Klein.

This outpouring of sympathy, according to Falun Gong members, shows the truthfulness of their ways. They hope that their beliefs and history will fascinate students at the U of A, and encourage them to join the Falun Gong group.



When it comes to beverages, Ice-T is the king of raptom.

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Ice-T still one bad mutha

The Original Gangster overcomes tech glitches with hardcore rap show

REVIEW

Ice-T

with Dangerouz Goods, Black America, and Dollah Bill
Red's
7 October

Vanessa McLeod

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

This past Saturday night, Red's was the place to be for hardcore Ice-T fans who eagerly anticipated the return of the Original Gangster. Unfortunately, with three opening acts on the bill and lengthy breaks in between sets, fans had to endure what seemed like an endless three-hour wait before the great one himself emerged.

Dangerouz Goods appeared first, and was basically a warm-up for the warm-up acts. Their set was 30 minutes too long, with the sub-par rappers they belting out muffled lyrics to the few people who cared to show up on time. There was virtually no crowd response, but that didn't seem to dampen the group's spirits, and I must give them credit for persevering and completing their set with as much effort as they began.

Black America was up next and thankfully revived the crowd's energy with their swift lyrical delivery and catchy hooks. The foursome from LA showed potential as their unique sound blended an Outkast-ish lyrical style over funky West Coast beats.

The charismatic, crowd-pleasing Dollah Bill was the perfect lead-in to the main event as he got the audience members out of their seats and onto the dance floor. Backed by a DJ, three dancers, and a back-up singer, Dollah Bill put on a great show. But after getting the audience pumped, he was gone much too soon, leaving the crowd with a final 45-minute wait before the headliner.

All was forgiven the moment the small yet menacing Ice-T appeared on stage. Nearly everyone went wild with the return of this fine West Coast pioneer, who proceeded to deliver an intense show to the dedicated crowd. Supported by a superbly skilled DJ and two auxiliary rappers, Ice-T thrilled his fans by delivering his in-your-face, no-holds-barred signature lyrics over old-skool beats.

Although the set was plagued by technical difficulties, the man took it all in stride, using the pauses

as opportunities to tell jokes to the crowd, reminding everyone that real rappers don't need music to support their rhymes.

Between delivering a combination of both his older and newer material, Ice-T interacted with the crowd much more than I had envisioned, inviting audience members up on stage to freestyle and break dance. I regret not having any talent whatsoever in either of those areas, as that would have entitled me to bragging rights for at least the next 25 years.

Perhaps it was the fact that the audience was digging Ice-T's show so much that they didn't mind that he used much of his limelight to promote a younger cat who goes by the name of Mark Live. Response was positive to the newcomer, who appears on some of Ice-T's newer material.

But there was no doubt that Ice-T was the real reason for being there, and he rewarded our patience by performing two of his best known hits—"Original Gangster" and "Colors"—back-to-back. This was definitely the highlight of the evening as Ice-T succeeded in quenching the thirst of those hungry for hardcore, unapologetic hip-hop.

Black humour abounds as *Ilsa* goose-steps through Nazi love camp

THEATRE REVIEW

Ilsa: Queen of the Nazi Love Camp
Workshop West Theatre
Kaasa Theatre (Jubilee)
5 to 15 October

Bequie Lake
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

The stage is arrayed with barbed wire, swastikas and straight lines. Somewhere in the midst sits a dynamic three-piece band, playing David Rhymer's original score, music that is eerily dissonant and thoroughly infectious.

John Ulyat (The Colonel) marches out onto the stage with a perfectly disciplined goosestep and a cutesy kick. Eighty per cent Nazi Death Machine, twenty per cent Betty Boop, his submissive gestures are soon explained when *Ilsa, Queen of the Nazi Love Camp*, makes her entrance.

Suitably trussed in leather suspenders and an obvious fake mane of blonde hair, *Ilsa* is the dominatrix/seductress responsible for the desires of the top officers. She's just a girl making her "contribution to the vitality of the Fatherland." *Ilsa* and the Colonel run a tough camp: "A place for everyone," the motto goes, and "everyone in their place."

Two goose-stepping leather-clad Nazis and a three-piece band are added into the mix to create a very twisted cabaret. Song and dance numbers, complete with as much red light and screaming as you could possibly ask from a show about Nazis, are interspersed with comic scenes about Jim, the Holocaust-denying high-school teacher turned embittered mechanic.

Jim is very obviously based on the real-life Albertan Jim Keegstra, who in 1985 was found guilty of promoting hatred—a ruling which was later overturned—after teaching students that the Holocaust was "the fabrication of an international Jewish conspiracy." Blake

Brooker's *Ilsa* was written as a response.

The right-wing mechanic is played to the hilt by Julien Arnold, his personal dogma about the efficiency of the combustion engine treads on dangerously fascist turf. He explains that every part must serve a function. "What's your function in society? Lots of parts don't seem to fit. Who are the riders?" Jim, like all of the characters, provides humour to the darkest of situations.

His candid song about his days as a high-school teacher brought the house down: "If you don't read or tell your mum, you might just get a B."

When Jim gets mysteriously caught up in *Ilsa* and the Colonel's plot to perpetuate Hitler's genes and create a race of leaders, the good times roll. Jim, it seems, is the product of this ungodly attempt to "save Hitler's sperm." *Ilsa* and the Colonel, surprisingly, are deeply disappointed. They lament the Albertan's lack of leadership skills and are horrified by his denial of the "achievements" of the Third Reich. As the leather-trenchcoated pair forlornly exit, we feel more sympathy for these "official" Nazi than we do for Keegstra. The message seems to be that Keegstra wasn't doing anyone any favours with his Holocaust denial, even the Nazis.

Workshop West almost hits the nail on the head with this one. The setting was a bit too intimate for some of Ron Jenkins' stylized movement, and at times the play felt under-rehearsed, but I've always valued theatre infinitely more for bravery than success. And *Ilsa* was the grittiest show I've seen in a long time.

Who can resist song and dance numbers with lots of big kicks, especially when coupled with Brooker's profoundly nervy lyrics? "What's a good man in changing times? Take a good look in my eyes. Do you recognize what you despise? What's a good man in changing times?" Mocking fascism has never been so enjoyable.

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Hi-dee-ho, boys and girls. Here's another easy chance to win some CDs for your collection because word on the street is that it sucks, big time. So if you find yourself looking at the discs in your room, and you come to the realization that it resembles the sale bin at Wal-Mart, be sure to fill out the entry form and drop it in the nifty cardboard box outside the Gateway offices (0-10 SUB).

Twenty winners will get their pick of a CD so they no longer have to be embarrassed by the Wham! albums in their stereo. I can cater to a variety of musical tastes, so everyone should enter. Epitaph has not only given us several punk CDs, such as the Humpers, US Bombs, and Gas Huffer, but also a couple copies of the new Merle Haggard album (yes Merle is now on a punk label!). I've also got albums by Big Wig, Alice DeeJay, Edwin, Kittie, Spoots, and more. As per usual, one entry per person please. Else punching may occur ...

Proposition: Name one of the *Sites Unseen* featured in a past issue.

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Marcus Bence / THE GATEWAY

The Misfits scared up a devilishly good time for hundreds of rabid fans at Red's last Friday.

Bring out your undead

Ghouls rule the night when the Misfits desecrate Edmonton

GIG REVIEW

The Misfits
with Speedealer, Guy Smiley,
and Les Tabernacles
Red's
6 October

Dave Alexander
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The photos speak for themselves—ghosts, spikes, devil locks, and punk rock so dark and aggressive that it has the power to rattle the fangs from a demon's jaw. Yeah, I know it sounds overly theatrical, but that's what the Misfits are all about.

Before the black mass could begin, however, three other bands helped cram the building with excited punkers.

Local rowdies Les Tabernacles gained new fans with their raunch-punk and animated lead singer. Guy Smiley was a little too pretty for most, but Speedealer's riot metal reinvigorated the masses.

Before you could scream "brimstone," the Crimson Ghost mascot appeared with a torch to signal the Misfits' entrance.

A tsunami of guitar from the band's song "Planet of the Apes" sent the tightly-packed crowd into a sweat-drenched surge of thrashing insanity. Again, it may sound excessive, but there was so much

adrenaline running amok that many had to literally fight their way out of the crowd to gain a little breathing room.

New favorites like "Dig Up Her Bones" and "American Psycho" garnered equal enthusiastic crowd response as classics, like "When Eagles Dare" or "Die, Die My Darling." Bassist Jerry Only deftly handled vocal duties in place of regular singer, Michael Graves, who was turned back at the border.

From Dr Chud's driving drum beat to Doyle's unrepentant attack on his guitar, the dominant impression left after seeing the Misfits live is that they've hard-earned their legendary reputation as the most intimidating force this side of Hades.

Brothers cash in on musical experiences

Former Skydigger and his sibling team up to tackle US market

GIG PREVIEW

Cash Brothers
Rev Cabaret
14 October

James Elford
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

This Saturday, the brothers Cash visit Edmonton on their first cross-Canada tour. Since the shows will be acoustic, the brothers have decided to leave the band at home and tour by themselves.

"We're just coming out and telling people we have these records out," explains brother Peter Cash, formerly of the Skydiggers. "The idea is to do the acoustic shows and come back with the band. Sooner rather than later because the majority of the shows we do are with the band."

Though both brothers have been working separately in music for years, they have only been able to work together recently. "We were always busy doing something else," remembers Peter, who

was busy as a songwriter for the Skydiggers until 1996. Meanwhile, brother Andrew was working with bands such as Ursula, as well as his own projects. It was when Peter decided to leave the Skydiggers to pursue songwriting and recording, and Ursula broke up that both brothers decided it was time to get together.

Despite the anticipation of a collaboration, the brothers approached the work "slowly and cautiously," according to Peter. Taking the time to get it right seems to have paid off, as the brothers next album will see a US release.

In the meantime, the brothers are releasing a new album of material on their own label, Four Chords Records. The songs on *Phonebooth Tornado* (which won't be on their later US release), were worked on in the same way as the songs on their earlier disc, *Raceway*.

According to Peter, the collaborative element in song writing usually waits to the end. The brothers will meet with nearly finished ideas and work them out together.



However, there are a few songs, such as "Awkward Gain," that he describes as fully collaborative. He blames this working dynamic more on lack of time rather than an inability to collaborate.

The brothers hope that there will be more time in the future to work on songwriting and recording, as well as touring. Besides the return tour with the band, there are no concrete plans in the immediate future besides preparations for their US release. In one way or another, the brothers are gonna work it out.

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Gere as gynecologist?

FILM REVIEW

Dr T and the Women

Directed by Robert Altman
Starring Richard Gere, Farrah Fawcett, and Helen Hunt
Starts Friday

Owen Livermore
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

Any comedy about gynecology that stars Richard Gere spells winner in my books. Or does it? *Dr T and the Women* is the latest film by legendary director, Robert Altman, the man who brought us *M*A*S*H*, *The Player*, and *Cookie's Fortune*. Like his previous work, a strong ensemble cast drives the film. If you're wondering where Andy Richter went after *Conan O'Brien*, look no further.

Gere stars as Dr Sullivan Travis, a dedicated gynecologist who operates a busy clinic in Texas. He is a man who deeply cares about all the women in his life, both family and patients. The hunk factor at times reads off the scale and the crux of the movie lies in Dr T's relationships with the demanding women in his life.

Farrah Fawcett, as Kate, turns in some oddly convincing method acting as a pampered housewife that goes off the deep end. This puts a rift between the doc and herself, as she apparently develops a complex because she is loved too much.

The foil to Dr T's dependant wife is Bree (Helen Hunt), a pro golfer. He also finds disappointment here, however, as Bree is completely without the need of love. Without

someone to care about, Dr T's life is sent spinning out of control like a Texas tornado.

As far scenery goes, I'm sure gynecologists are having a good laugh over the depiction of Dr T's clinic, which resembles more of a high-class beauty salon. This exaggeration is a means to an end for Altman, who is trying to portray a hyper-American commodity culture where people shop in comfort all day and trade conspiracy theories at night. This turns out to be a very unflattering (and characteristically Altman) picture of Americana.

The film features trademarks visible in the director's previous films. His distinct technique draws the viewer into a moving world that marks the characters as part of a bigger societal picture. His use of sound and camera movement especially encourages this.

Altman is at his best as he sharply criticizes the cultural milieu, which also includes Hollywood filmmaking techniques. However, his films unravel when they assume the very technique he is criticizing. At times, the movie seems a tad schizophrenic as it is doing both of these things at once. Similarly, Gere's character is shown as being a great father figure and husband, while simultaneously sleeping around with Helen Hunt's character. This ambiguity is highly troubling, albeit typical of Altman.

While this is a worthwhile excursion for an Altman fan, it will probably be laborious for the average viewer. On that note, watch out for the shocking ending.

SOCIAL INTERCOURSE

Glamour Puss
Sidetrack Cafe
Friday, 13 October

As the CBC will be taping the award winning blues act Glamour Puss, it's every red-blooded Canadian's job to attend and scream ridiculous and raunchy things. Or maybe, you should be on your best behaviour; grandma might hear it later and vow to never make you warm apple pie again.

Carrie & Hellraiser
Jasper Cinemas
Friday, 13 October

The Jasper Cinema think-tank thought that *Poltergeist* wasn't doing enough to make kids soil their jeans, and replaced it with *Carrie*, fortifying their horror line-up beyond comprehension. Come at 7:00pm to see *Hellraiser*, 9:00pm for the aforementioned prom flick, or midnight if you want to stand by yourself on a cold October night.

Tent-Aid
The Rev
Friday, 13 October

Woodabeen and The Main Event both know that victim and U of A student, Doug, is in need of some help, as some little rat stole his camping gear at an outing a while back. The result? Local rock and unproven schlock co-operate for a good cause in order to bring the boy together with a new tent, sleeping bag and a pack of hot dogs.

Compiled by Ray Biesinger

CULTURA OBSCURA



Pirate Bendy

Dave Alexander
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

Who's the plyable scourge of the seven seas? Why, grab a brain—

it's Pirate Bendy of course.

Someone who has absolutely no idea what kids like to play with came up with this mind-boggling toy. Pirate Bendy (or Captain No-Fun as I like to call him) is a bendable figure with such features as a "removable peg leg," "clip-on parrot," (Polly) and a hook for a hand. Dangerous fun!

His big round yellow happy face head renders him the least intimidating pirate on the sea; however, he may also be the scariest, seeing as he's wearing nothing but a sneaker, a white glove, and a four o'clock shadow. Creepy.

The best part of this toy is the log of Pirate Bendy's voyage. To quote: "Make cabin boy swab the deck for forgetting to polish me hook." Or how about the dramatics of this entry: "Worry about scurvy!" My favourite is "Give up pirate career and return to first love, taxidermy. Here Polly!"

I love you, Pirate Bendy. Harr!

SITE UNSEEN

www.klorg.com/humor/burrito.html

Chris Boutet

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So you think you know a thing or two about burritos, do you?

Well, come test your chops in the burrito arena, and pit your culinary skills against your mind-crushing boredom.

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the salsa, and then have a panel of burrito experts rate your burrito-building skill.

After you've finished, you stare captivated at the screen as you are told how much your burrito might cost if you cared, and what your ingredient selection tells you about your personality. Apparently, since I avoided all the strong flavours, I have a great fear of risk. It's like they looked right into my soul, man.

Anyway, if all that wasn't enough, you get a little burrito horoscope at the end, which invariably seems to be "Today is a very good day for a burrito." So, yeah, making burritos is fun. And isn't that what *really* matters?

Reality Bites

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Russ Hewson tussles with Calgary defencemen during one of last year's bouts.

Season-opener begins with big expectations

Keith Justik
SPORTS STAFF

After a 9-0 pre-season, oddsmakers might bet that the Golden Bear hockey squad is ripe for a loss. Well, maybe, but only "if we forget about what got us to 9-0," says head coach Rob Daum.

According to Daum, the difficulty with lengthy winning streaks is that "teams tend to take short cuts, then they lose and say 'Oh my God, I don't like losing' and you get back to work."

The Bears won't be thinking about losing as they open their regular season, but the Calgary Dinos might. Calgary's recent pre-season stint has played out like a country song gone bad...or good, depending on your perspective. The Dinos have lost six of their last seven games, but take solace in the fact that they've never lost by more than two goals. Also, it is noteworthy that their last three losses have been to NCAA teams in Colorado.

Meanwhile, the Bears have been led by veteran Mike "Bam-Bam" McGhan, who has 17 points in seven games. Close behind are two Bear rookies, Tyler Shybunka and Steve Shrum. The rookies have stepped up and contributed early to the team reminiscent of rookie performances of last season. Be that as it may, coach Daum argues, "it's different than last year. New members to our team this year have played very well, but they're not in a position where they have to carry the team," which was the case last season. Daum has the luxury this season of guiding a squad laden with veterans with character, depth and experience. He doesn't want to take away any notion of what the new Bears will have to contribute: "it's only their role that will be different," maintains Daum.

It's hard to imagine how traveling to Calgary after consecutive national championships might be a burden. The titles stand as a symbol of success and breed high expectations that can only be satisfied with similar results.

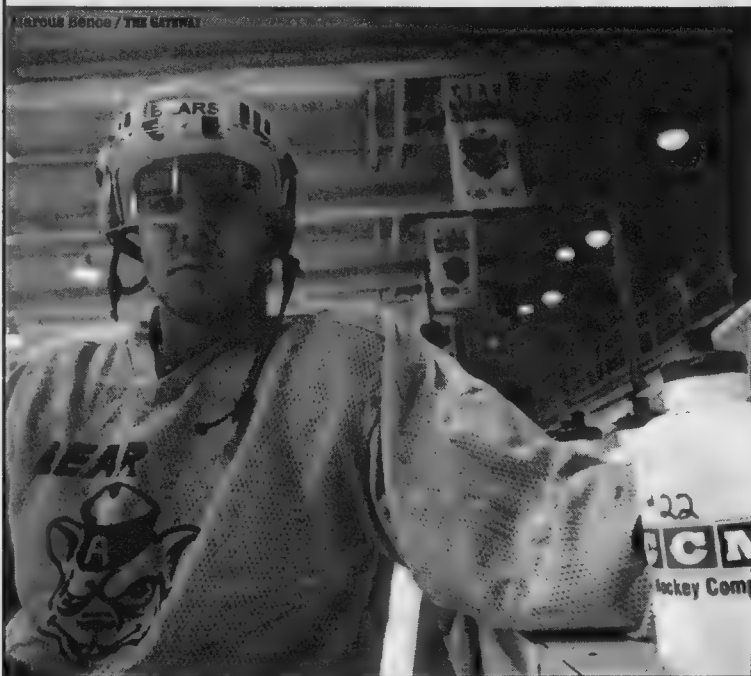
Should those results ever look perilous, assistant coach Eric Thurston points out that, "there are leaders in [the Bears'] dressing room that solve a lot of prob-

lems before they even start."

Calgary will follow Edmonton back to Edmonton for the second game of the home-and-home series on Saturday. The Bears will raise their tenth national title banner (tying the U of T for most overall) into the rafters of the Clare Drake as the Dinos look on, only wishing they had the same expectations to live up to.

Face-off is at 7:30pm.

Big Rock ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Shybunka scored two goals to bolster the Bears to a 4-2 win over the Huskies last weekend in a non-conference match-up in Macklin, Saskatchewan.

Name: Tyler Shybunka
Sport: Hockey
Year: 1
Position: Forward
Faculty: Arts
Favourite Food: Shake 'n Bake chicken
Favourite Movie: Usual Suspects
Favourite Beer: Kold
Favourite Activity: Studying



Sports in Brief

Pandas field hockey

The Pandas field hockey team hosted the second Canada West tournament last weekend. They finished with a 3-1 record and placed third. Annabel Duncan-Webb is tied for first in conference scoring totals.

Cross-country

The Bears and Pandas cross-country teams competed in Saskatoon in the U of S Open Cross-Country Meet, which featured teams from the U of S, the U of Manitoba and Alberta. The U of A's Matt Norminton was the top finisher of Canada West athletes in the 8km event. The U of A men's team placed first.

Panda Christine McEvoy placed top in the women's 4km and the Pandas placed first as a team.

Pandas volleyball

The Pandas volleyball team traveled to Winnipeg to participate in the Coast to Coast Classic pre-season tournament at the University of Manitoba and returned with a 3-3 record.

The Pandas won against St Mary's, Winnipeg and Brock, falling to Western, the Wesmen Alumni and Montreal.

Bears hockey

The Bears hockey squad competed in a non-conference matchup against the Saskatchewan Huskies last weekend, where they downed the 'Dogs 4-2.

Tyler Shybunka scored two, while forward Steve Shrum had two assists.

The Bears will begin the regular season this weekend with a home-and-home series against Calgary. The Bears play at home on Saturday.

Pandas hockey

The Pandas hockey team begins its regular season when they host Calgary on Friday.

The Pandas have a 4-2-0 pre-season record and are beginning the season as defending national champion. The banner will be raised on Friday night.

Pandas rugby

The Pandas rugby team is hosting the U of C in a pair of exhibition games on Saturday at 2:00pm and Sunday at 11:00am.

The Pandas are defending national champions and are beginning their second year as a varsity team.

Bears football

The Bears football team is headed to Saskatoon this weekend to take on the Huskies after a much-needed week off. Alberta is bringing up the rear in the standings at sixth place while the Huskies are tied for fifth. The Bears are battling the Huskies for the fourth and final spot in the Canada West playoffs.

The Bears lost to Saskatchewan 8-0 in their season-opener.

Bears volleyball

The Bears volleyball team hosts the CIAU/NCAA challenge this weekend in the Main Gym. The tournament pits four NCAA volleyball schools against their Canadian equivalents. The CIAU's gold-winning University of Manitoba and Fianl Four participant Pepperdine University will both be playing.

The Golden Bears didn't qualify for nationals last year.

On the dial

CJSR 88.5FM will broadcast the Bears hockey games live on Friday night. Bob Stauffer is calling the play-by-play, with former Bears captain Troy Djertaas providing commentary. CJSR will broadcast 22 regular-season hockey games and all post-season action.

Gateway contest

The first ten students who come into the Gateway offices after 4:00pm on Friday will receive a pair of tickets to one of this weekend's home games. Ask for Sports Editor Barrie Tanner.

The first seven to tell him the name of a Golden Bear hockey defenseman will also receive a Big Rock T-shirt.

Sports quote for the day

"I don't want to play golf. When I hit a ball, I want somebody else to go chase it."

— Rogers Gornaby

Sports trivia

The heaviest sumo wrestler tipped the scales at 605lbs. Hawaiian-born Salevaa Atisance, also known as Konishiki, now works as a stable master.

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Rule changes impact Pandas

Defending national champions at a disadvantage in national matches

Barrie Tanner
Sports Editor

The national-champion Pandas rugby team is back in action this weekend in an exhibition game against the University of Calgary Dinosaurs, where they will get a taste of the competition this year.

Last year's team embarrassed every team in Canada West, winning by such ridiculous scores as 39-0, 60-0, and in the deciding gold medal game versus the Guelph Gryphons, a 20-3 stomping.

This year's team is hoping for a repeat of the performance, a feat not out of their reach considering all of last year's starters remain on the roster.

But recent rule changes to national-level matches have hindered the Pandas' offensive capabilities, rendering them much less powerful, though just as spirited, in the scrum. One of the changes,

the one with the greatest impact on the Pandas, is the limit on pushing the scrums to a maximum of one metre. Previously, there was no such limit. The strength of the Pandas was their ability to move the scrum, in some cases, literally across the field in a single try.

We're bigger and stronger [than the other teams in the country]... this was the way we could impact the game the most.

— Trish McAdam,
Pandas rugby

"We're bigger and stronger [than the other teams in the country]," said Trish McAdam. "This was the way we could impact the game the most."

"It takes the forwards out of the scoring," said Panda Taylor Walters. "That's the part of the

game we dominated."

While the 34 members of the team may be concerned about the rule changes, their immediate concern is this weekend's games against the Dinos. The new rules will not be in effect since it is not a national event, allowing the Pandas to make full use of their size and strength.

The game will be played on Varsity Field, which has a harder surface than what the team is accustomed to.

"It's going to be painful," said McAdam. "There will be lots of bumps and bruises."

But bumps and bruises are part of the game, a part the Pandas are used to and have dealt with before on their successful quest for the gold last year.

The games will be played at 2:00pm on Saturday and 11:00am on Sunday at Varsity Field. Beer will be served on Saturday.

Pandas taking on Dinos in season-opener

Barrie Tanner
Sports Editor

The Pandas hockey team kicks off their regular season in a home-and-home series against the Calgary Dinos this weekend, hoping to begin the long road in defending the national gold title they won last year.

The Pandas, who sport a 4-3-0 pre-season record, hope that the loss of several key players will not have a deep impact on this weekend's performance, in part because of Calgary's own limitations.

"Word on the street is that Calgary is not as strong as they have been in the past," said head coach Howie Draper.

The root of the rumor is a new regulation that states players participating in Canada West competition cannot play for another team, a rule that has caused many key Calgary players to drop from the

roster.

"It will cause them to have stronger team spirit," said Draper. "In a way, it's a step forward [for the Dinos]."

Meanwhile, the Pandas are dealing with some losses of their own, personnel that will not be on the ice due to ineligibility play or injury.

"It's a tough start, but there are a lot of girls who can fill in some of the holes," assured Draper.

Offensively, the team will have a harder time burying the puck, but that, too, is a blessing in disguise, according to Draper.

"It will make us a more consistent team," said the coach. "We're generally strong, [and less] reliant on impact players."

"It feels like, despite the loss of impact players, we're a more solid team throughout," continued Draper.

The Pandas play at the Clare Drake Arena on Friday at 8:00pm.

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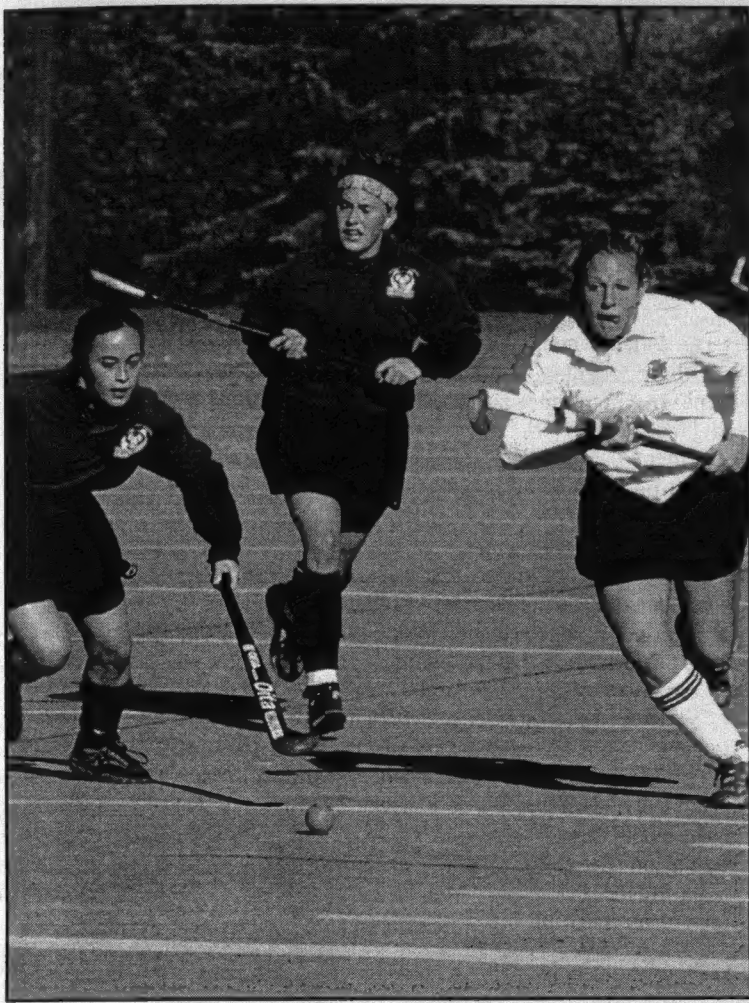
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The Pandas finished off UBC last weekend by a score of 2-1.

Pandas thankful for weekend at home

New system pays dividends with win vs UBC

Bryan Lee
SPORTS STAFF

Practice makes perfect and the Pandas field hockey team definitely reaped the benefits of this motto last weekend.

Ranked fifth in the country, the Pandas wanted to make the statement in Canada West that they deserve to be associated with the elite UBC Thunderbirds and UVic Vikes. They proved it the easiest way—by beating one of those teams (UBC) 2-1 on Saturday.

"They had an absolutely awesome team effort [against UBC]," head coach Dru Marshall exclaimed. "That's one of the best games I've seen a U of A team play in the past ten years."

"We wanted it more than them. We worked on a lot of things in practice and we took it to them," forward Tessa Mowat declared. Mowat, an exchange student from New Zealand, also scored her first goal of the season against the Manitoba Bisons on Friday.

The Pandas implemented an entire new team system, both offensively and defensively, in order to improve on last tournament's disappointing 1-1-2 results. The system worked well against UBC, and in making second-half adjustments against Manitoba. The Pandas were tied 0-0 after the first half, thanks to the butterfly style of Bisons goalie Diana Jokic. With those few simple adjustments, the Pandas were able to prevail 4-0.

"We had to be smarter about what we were doing. We were trying to hit the ball past the goalie instead of over her. As soon as they started to do that, they broke the game wide open," Marshall explained.

UVic was able to beat the system with a 1-0 downing of the Pandas, but the Pandas caught a break when UBC beat UVic, each team finishing with a 3-1-1 record. The

Pandas finished off Calgary 3-1 on Sunday. Annabel Duncan-Webb scored twice in this game to give her a division-leading six on the season.

The Pandas (4-2-2 overall) are now firmly entrenched in third place in the Canada West and are almost guaranteed a berth at the national championships. This assurance only benefits them in two weeks time at the last tournament of the regular season.

"[In trying the] new system against Victoria, we really hadn't practiced it very much and that was part of [the disappointing loss]. Next game we play them, we'll come out with another different strategy and now we've got a little bit of luxury to afford to be able to try a couple of different things against them," Marshall added.

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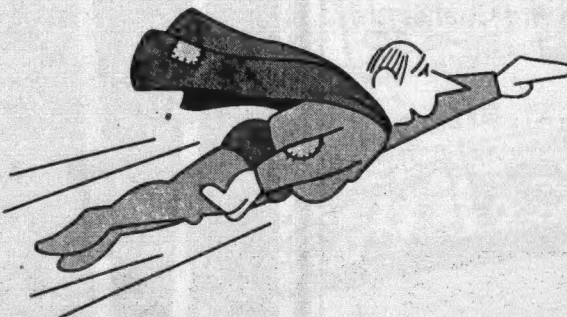
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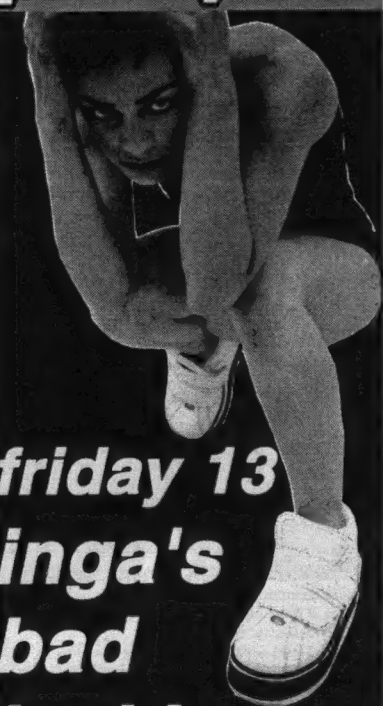


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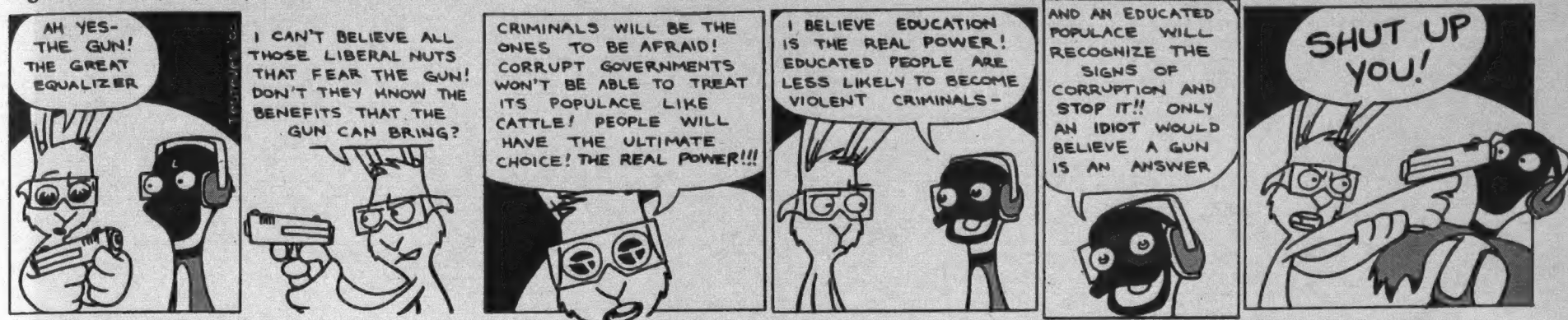
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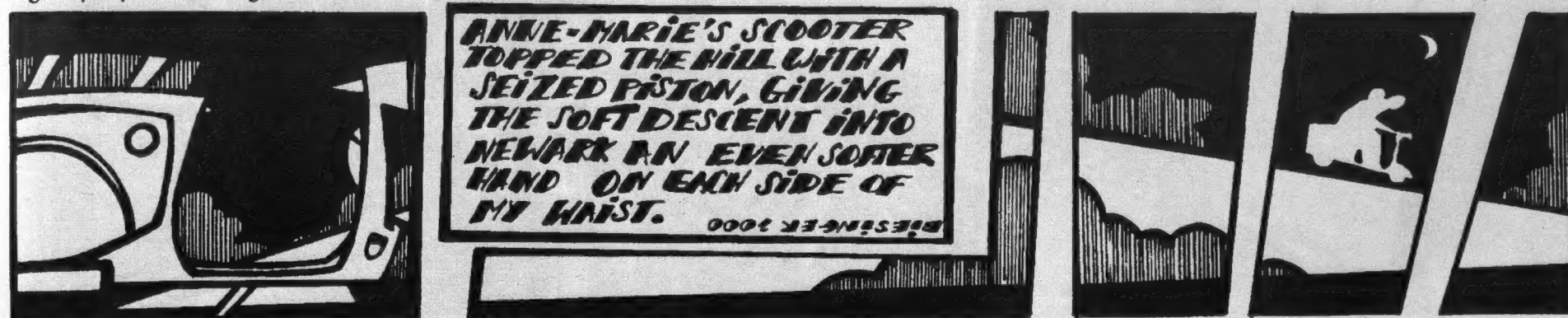
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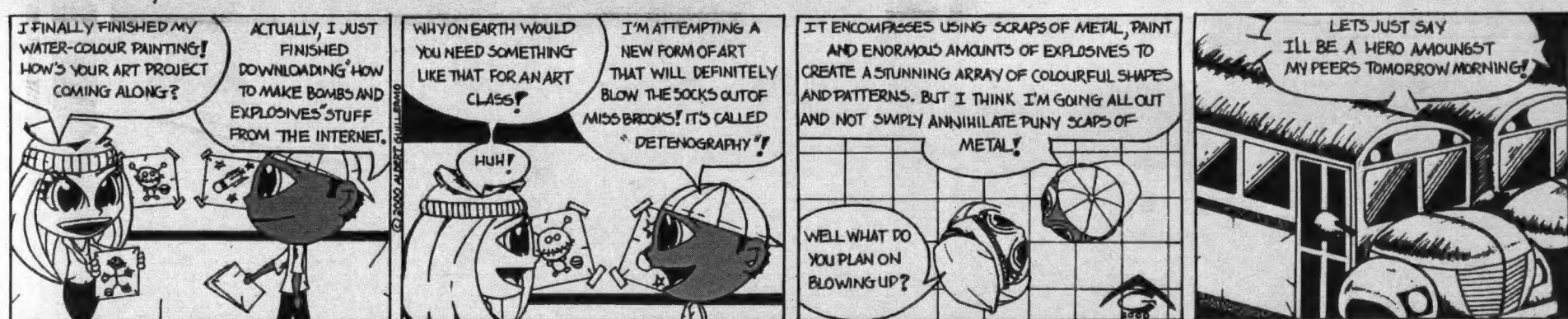
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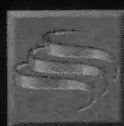


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